

VERSAILLES STATE PARK

Interpretive Programs

We offer interpretive programs designed to enhance your knowledge of nature. All programs are free and open to the public. All activities will be held at the Nature Center unless otherwise noted. Please bring mosquito repellent and wear appropriate clothing and footwear for outdoor programs. Children under the age of 12 should be accompanied by an adult. We recommend participating in the Hoosier Quest Series not only to develop a deeper relationship with natural and cultural resources of Indiana, but also to earn mementos for your involvement. Please stop by and visit our Nature Center! Thank you and enjoy your visit!

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NATURE CENTER HOURS
Monday –Wednesday: Closed
Thursday: 8 AM-10 AM & 12:30 PM-3:30 PM
Friday: 10 AM-5 PM
Saturday – Sunday: 10 AM-3 PM

Thursday, July 2

- 10 AM Birding from the Water** (~ 2 hrs.)
Sign up at the Nature Center by 9:30am for the opportunity to canoe up Laughery Creek observe some of the parks feathered inhabitants. *Must be signed up to participate.*
- 3:30 PM Pool Pals** (~ ¼ hr.)
Be on the look out for the naturalist at the pool during swim break! See what interesting pals she brings to talk about.

FRIDAY, July 3

- 4 PM Hoosier Quest Series** (~ 1 hr.)
- 5 PM Roving the Campground** (~ 1 hr.)
Look what the naturalist dragged in! Keep your eyes open to see what interesting things the naturalist brings up to the campground.
- 9:30 PM Owl Prowl** (~ 1¼ hrs.)
Meet at the Saddle Barn to take a walk down Old Fire Tower Road. Hopefully we will hear a few owls and distinguish their calls from the other sounds of the night. *No flashlights, please.*

SATURDAY, July 4

- 9 AM Hoosier Quest Series** (~ 1 hr.)
- 11 AM Crafty Critters** (~ ½ hr.)
Time for kids to learn about one of the critters that live in the park and do a fun craft too!
- 1 PM Nature Scavenger Hunt** (~ 1 hr.)
Meet the naturalist at the Nature center to go on a hike up Trail #3. We'll go on a scavenger hunt to find a variety of critters, plants and more. There will be prizes for the top scavengers.
- 10 PM FIREWORKS**
Come celebrate the 4th of July with fireworks over the lake!

SUNDAY, July 5

- 8:30 AM Morning Worship Service** (~ 1 hr.)
Meet at the breezeway in Campground A, next to the first comfort station.
- 11 AM Hoosier Quest Series** (~ 1 hr.)
- 1 PM Snakes Alive** (~ ¾ hr.)
Drop in the Nature Center to learn some general facts about the snakes of Versailles S.P. Are snakes really as sinister as most people think? Find out just how harmful or helpful they really are.
- 3 PM Feeding Time** (~ ¾ hr.)
Learn about the food chain and then observe it first hand by helping the naturalist feed the animals at the Nature Center.

Thursday, July 9

- 10 AM Canoeing Outing** (~ 2 hrs.)
Sign up at the Nature Center between 8am and 10am to venture out on the water and observe some of the park's beautiful scenery. *Must be signed up to participate.*
- 3:30 PM Pool Pals** (~ ¼ hrs.)
Be on the look out for the naturalist at the pool during swim break! See what interesting pals she brings to talk about.

FRIDAY, July 10

- 11 AM Hoosier Quest Series (~ 1 hr.)**
3 PM Figuring out Flowers (~ ¾ hr.)
Meet the naturalist at the Nature Center to learn about how to use a dichotomous key. Then go on a short walk to put your keying skills to the test with the summer wildflowers we observe.
- 5 PM Roving the Campground (~ 1 hr.)**
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SATURDAY, July 11

- 11 AM Birding 101 (~ 1 hr.)**
Join the naturalist at the Nature Center for a talk on the basics of bird identification. Then go on a short hike to test your observation skills. Bring binoculars if you have them.
- 1 PM Hoosier Quest Series (~ 1 hr.)**
3 PM Crafty Critters (~ ½ hr.)
Time for kids to learn about one of the critters that live in the park and do a fun craft too!

SUNDAY, July 12

- 8:30 AM Morning Worship Service (~ 1 hr.)**
Meet at the breezeway in Campground A, next to the first comfort station.
- 10 AM Geology Rocks! (~ 1 hr.)**
Join the naturalist at the nature center for a hike to explore the creeks searching for fossils to identify.
- 1 PM Hoosier Quest Series (~ 1 hr.)**
2 PM Insect Bingo (~ ½ hr.)
Come play Insect Bingo at the Nature Center to learn about insects and possibly win prizes!

Thursday, July 16

- 10 AM Canoeing Laughery Creek (~2 hrs.)**
Sign up at the Nature Center between 8am and 10am to venture up the creek and observe some of the park's lesser viewed scenery. *Experienced paddlers please. Must be signed up to participate.*
- 3:30 PM Pool Pals (~¼ hrs.)**
Be on the look out for the naturalist at the pool during swim break! See what interesting pals she brings to talk about.

FRIDAY, July 17

- 11 AM Hoosier Quest Series (~1hr.)**
2 PM Slithering Safari (~1hr.)
Join the naturalist in searching for all kinds of critters in the Park's creeks to capture for educational purposes. Bring old shoes, clothing, and a net if you have one.
- 4 PM Roving the Campground (~1hr.)**
Look what the naturalist dragged in! Keep your eyes open to see what interesting things the naturalist brings up to the campground.

SATURDAY, July 18

- 11 AM Hoosier Quest Series (~1hr.)**
1 PM Crafty Critters (~30 min.)
Time for kids to learn about one of the critters that live in the park and do a fun craft too!
- 3 PM Nature Scavenger Hunt (~1hr.)**
Meet the naturalist at the Nature center to go on a hike up Trail #3. We'll go on a scavenger hunt to find a variety of critters, plants and more. There will be prizes for the top scavengers.

SUNDAY, July 19

- 8:30 AM Morning Worship Service (~1hr.)**
Meet at the breezeway in Campground A, next to the first comfort station.
- 11 AM Birding 101 (~1 hr.)**
Join the naturalist at the Nature Center for a talk on the basics of bird identification. Then go on a short hike to test your observation skills. Bring binoculars if you have them.
- 1 AM Hoosier Quest Series (~1hr.)**
3 PM Feeding Time (~45 min.)
Learn about the food chain and then observe it first hand by helping the naturalist feed the animals at the Nature Center.

Thursday, July 23

10 AM Birding from the Water (~ 2 hrs.)

Sign up at the Nature Center by 9:30am for the opportunity to canoe up Laughery Creek observe some of the parks feathered inhabitants. *Must be signed up to participate.*

3:30 PM Pool Pals (~ ¼ hr.)

Be on the look out for the naturalist at the pool during swim break! See what interesting pals she brings to talk about.

FRIDAY, July 24

2 PM Hoosier Quest Series (~ 1 hr.)

5 PM Campground Visit (~ 1 hr.)

Look what the naturalist dragged in! Come to the breezeway in Campground A to see what interesting things the naturalist has to share.

9:30 PM Owl Prowl (~ 1¼ hrs.)

Meet at the Saddle Barn to take a walk down Old Fire Tower Road. Hopefully we will hear a few owls and distinguish their calls from the other sounds of the night. *No flashlights, please.*

SATURDAY, July 25

11 AM Hoosier Quest Series (~ 1 hr.)

3 PM Crafty Critters (~ ½ hr.)

Time for kids to learn about one of the critters that live in the park and do a fun craft too!

7 PM Leave No Trace (~ 1 hr.)

Come to the Breezeway in Campground A to learn from Bill Houk, Leave No Trace Master Educator. Listen to his presentation and participate in games & activities to find out about stewardship of our natural resources.

SUNDAY, July 26

8:30 AM Morning Worship Service (~ 1 hr.)

Meet at the breezeway in Campground A, next to the first comfort station.

11 AM Hoosier Quest Series (~ 1 hr.)

1 PM Figuring out Flowers (~ ¾ hr.)

Meet the naturalist at the Nature Center to learn about how to use a dichotomous key. Then go on a short walk to put your keying skills to the test with the summer wildflowers we observe.

3 PM Insect Bingo (~ ½ hr.)

Come play Insect Bingo at the Nature Center to learn about insects and possibly win prizes!

Thursday, July 30

10 AM Canoeing Outing (~ 2 hrs.)

Sign up at the Nature Center between 8am and 10am to venture out on the water and observe some of the park's beautiful scenery. *Must be signed up to participate.*

3:30 PM Pool Pals (~ ¼ hrs.)

Be on the look out for the naturalist at the pool during swim break! See what interesting pals she brings to talk about.

FRIDAY, July 31

11 AM Hoosier Quest Series (~ 1 hr.)

1 PM Slithering Safari (~ 1 hr.)

Join the naturalist in searching for all kinds of critters in the Park's creeks to capture for educational purposes. Bring old shoes, clothing, and a net if you have one.

3 PM Roving the Campground (~ 1 hr.)

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SATURDAY, August 1

11 AM Hoosier Quest Series (~ 1 hr.)

1 PM Crafty Critters (~ ½ hr.)

Time for kids to learn about one of the critters that live in the park and do a fun craft too!

3 PM Nature Scavenger Hunt (~ 1 hr.)

Meet the naturalist at the Nature center to go on a hike up Trail #3. We'll go on a scavenger hunt to find a variety of critters, plants and more. There will be prizes for the top scavengers.

SUNDAY, August 2

8:30 AM Morning Worship Service (~ 1 hr.)

Meet at the breezeway in Campground A, next to the first comfort station.

11 AM Hoosier Quest Series (~ 1 hr.)

1 PM Interesting Insects (~ ¾ hr.)

Meet at the Nature Center to take a short trek with the naturalist and catch whatever bug or spider we find. We'll take them back to the Nature Center to talk about how they help indicate pollution levels.

3 PM Feeding Time (~ ¾ hr.)

Learn about the food chain and then observe it first hand by helping the naturalist feed the animals at the Nature Center.